



GROUPS 2026

## NATURE, CULTURE, AND FOOD & WINE TOURISM

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## **WELCOME TO THE PO DELTA!**

Discover unspoiled natural landscapes, oases, and habitats for flamingos, herons, ducks, and many other species of waterbirds.

Professional tour and environmental guides will accompany you, by bike or on foot, through the lagoons, saltworks, along the river, and into the coastal forests, as well as through museums and historic town centres.

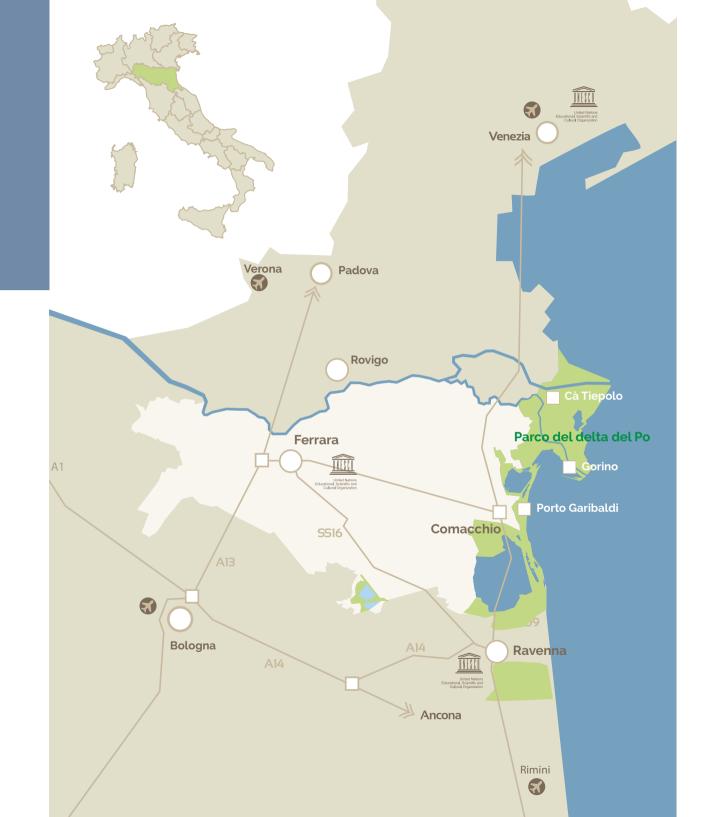
A wide selection of customisable one-day or multi-day itineraries is available, tailored to the needs and interests of each group.

Multi-night stays are offered at the best accommodations along the Comacchio Riviera and within the Po Delta Park.

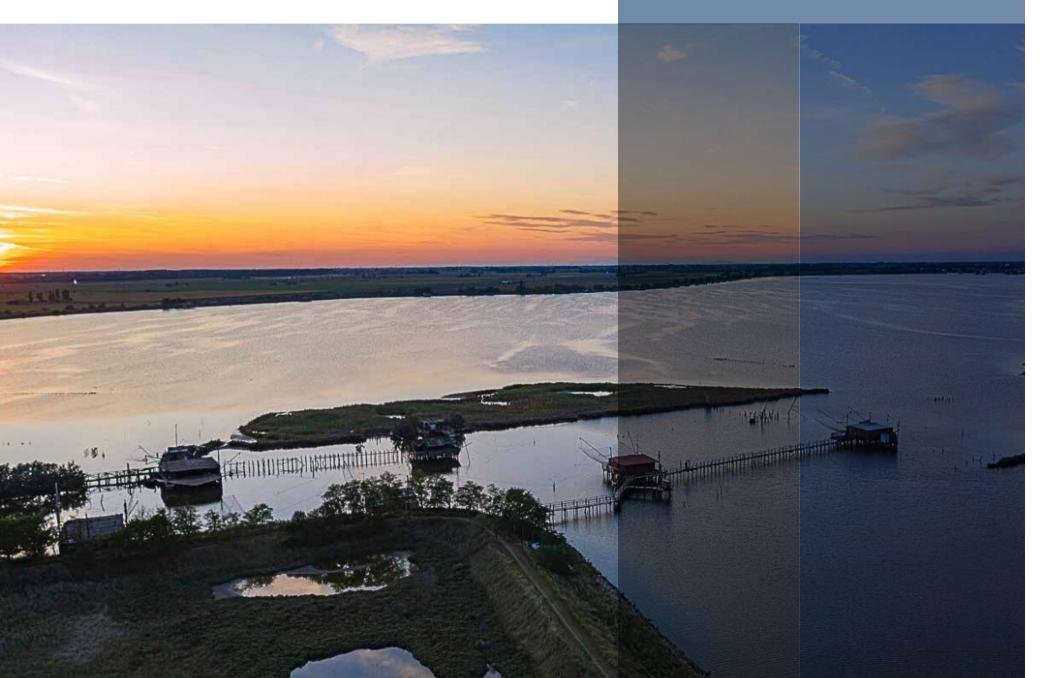




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# BOAT TOURS IN THE PO DELTA AND COMACCHIO LAGOONS





### River excursion aboard the historic Nena, an old Venetian steamboat.

A guided tour exploring the river origins of the Este city and its development through the Middle Ages and the Renaissance up to the present day. Boarding takes place at the San Paolo dock in Ferrara, on the Po di Volano, located in the heart of the city just steps from the Castle.

We navigate along the waterway that reconnects Ferrara, originally founded on the riverbanks, with the Po River. A unique perspective of the city, offering a natural corridor where herons, bee-eaters, and turtles live undisturbed. We pass through the Pontelagoscuro lock, then continue with a scenic cruise along the Po, skimming past the Giarina beach, the former Isola Bianca (LIPU Nature Reserve), and spotting the heronry where herons nest.

**USEFUL INFORMATION** 

**Duration:** 2h30

Meeting point: Darsena San Paolo, Ferrara



### Amongst the lagoons and reeds of the Delta Park, the border between land and water is ever so fragile.

Navigating the "paradei", long, thin canals that connect the Po to its saltwater lagoons, we will travel between the Riserva delle Bocche del Po di Pila, the Oasi della Batteria, and the Burcio and Basson Lagoons.

Farms that were abandoned in the 50s and the Punta Maistra Lighthouse are the only traces of human activity in what is now unspoilt landscape, just like the last remaining fishing huts constructed of reeds in Scano Boa, the iconic island of the Delta.

**USEFUL INFORMATION Duration:** 2h00

**Meeting point:** Rifugio Canarin, Porto Tolle



### Navigation on the main branch of the Po Delta Park, the Po di Venezia,

that before reaching the sea branches into three mouths: Busa di Tramontana, Busa Dritta and Busa di Scirocco. From the sun deck of the motor vessel, you will admire the evolution of the river landscape: from the flourishing holms, such as the Oasis of Volta Vaccari, to the impenetrable reed beds that surround the lagoon, to reach the beaches that characterise the extreme outfall zone. Here, where the river meets the sea, many species of birds, such as herons, seagulls, cormorants, terns and oystercatchers live and build their nests.

**USEFUL INFORMATION** 

**Duration:** 3h00

**Meeting point:** Cà Tiepolo, Porto Tolle



# Suggestive navigation along the final stretch of the southernmost branch of the Po di Goro.

Discover an ever-changing environment where land and water, man and nature, coexist in a delicate balance. Moving away from Gorino towards the mouth, a thick reed bed leads to the Adriatic Sea, where a rich avifauna finds refuge. **During the excursion, we will skirt the "Lanterna Vecchia" and the Love Island lighthouse.**Lastly, we will sail through the Gorino Lagoons, which overlook the Sacca di Goro, the area where clam production takes place, the jewel in the crown of the local economy.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: 2h00
Meeting point: Gorino Ferrarese



Starting from Porto Garibaldi our motorboats will sail along the Adriatic coast up to the river delta where you will stop at the Love Isle, the last land margin dividing the river from the sea. Afterwards navigation along the branches of the Po di Goro and the Po di Gnocca, to observe "Isola dei Gabbiani" and "Sacca degli Scardovari". On board we will serve you a delicious seafood meal prepared according to our best traditional recipes.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: 5h30

Meeting point: Porto Garibaldi



Through an evocative boat tour, you will visit one of the largest brackish areas in Italy, designated as a wetland of international importance by the Ramsar Convention of 1971. Accompanied by an environmental guide, you'll navigate the ancient riverbed of the Po, skirting the former saltworks of Comacchio, now a nesting site for flamingos. The colony is now very large, and sightings during the tour are extremely frequent. We will stop at the old casoni da pesca (traditional fishing huts), where the guide will explain the fishing techniques, ancient traditions, and customs of the people of Comacchio, who have been inseparably connected to these environments and to the productive activities that have supported the local population for centuries. The tour includes a visit to the open-air section of the Museo Delta Antico, which features reconstructions of two dwellings from the ancient Etruscan settlement of Spina.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Duration: 2h00

**Meeting point:** Stazione Foce, Comacchio

## **PRIVATE BOAT TOURS**



### PO DI MAISTRA AND GOLENA CA' PISANI

Po di Maistra is the most striking and natural branch of the Delta, the ideal place for birdwatchers. The floodplain of the Pisani Oasis and the ample riparian woods that surround this branch are the ideal habitat for lots of birds, just like the Garzaia of Ca' Venier, the most important breeding site of herons in the Park.

**USEFUL INFORMATION** 

**Duration:** 2h00

Meeting point: Cà Tiepolo, Porto Tolle

# A JOURNEY INTO THE PLACID WATERS OF THE PO

Aboard a small, quiet boat, you'll cross the delicate ecosystem of the Foce del Po di Volano

**Nature Reserve** and discover the evolution and strategic role of this river branch over the centuries. You'll see the Torre della Finanza, an 18th-century watchtower built to control access to the river's mouth, as well as

the dense reed beds and the coastal pine forest, before reaching the mouth of the river and entering **the Sacca di Goro, a wide brackish lagoon now largely dedicated to clam farming.** 

USEFUL INFORMATION

**Duration:** 1h45

Meeting point: Oasi Canneviè, Volano (FE)

# FROM COMACCHIO TO THE EEL FISHING SPOTS

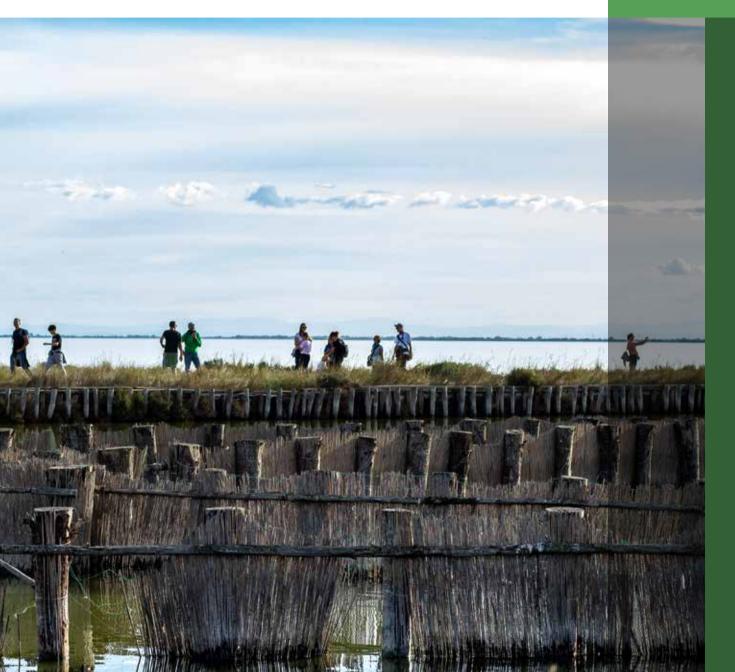
We will sail from the historic centre of Comacchio for a boat exploration of the brackish lagoon, an extraordinary ecosystem that preserves the memory of the ancient Po Delta. We will navigate through a timeless landscape shaped by nature and human activity, reaching the places where the eel, an enigmatic, vulnerable creature and always a precious resource, is caught using traditional methods. Accompanied by an expert, we will analyse the ongoing changes in the ecosystem, including the arrival of invasive species, and reach privileged spots for observing flamingos and other species of waterfowl. A journey through history and nature that will leave you breathless.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: 1h45
Meeting point: ANMI, Comacchio (FE)



### **GUIDED TOURS OF THE OASES OF THE PO DELTA PARK**

## **WALKING TOURS**





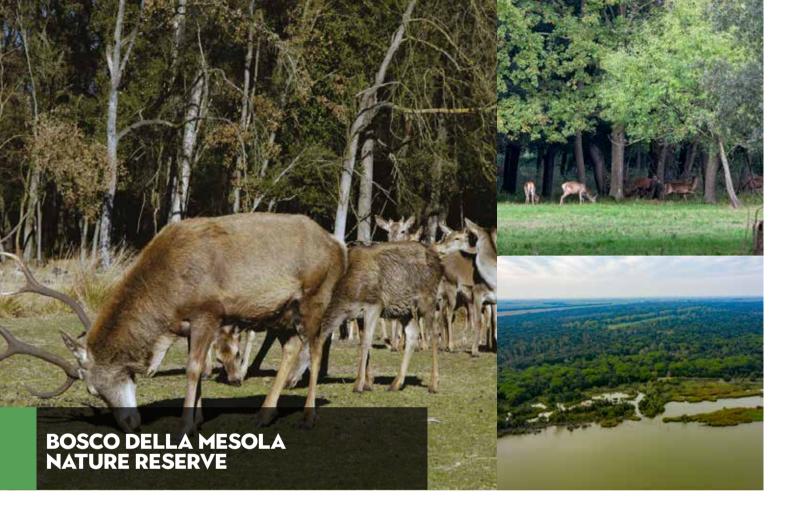
Walking along all the internal trails, over wooden boardwalks and small bridges that cross the forming dunes, potranno essere osservati alcuni degli ambienti tipici del Parco: dalle dune consolidate, al

bosco, dallo stagno fino ayou'll be able to observe some of the Po Delta Park's most characteristic environments: from stabilised dunes to forest, from ponds to the beach — witnessing how the lush vegetation gradually changes as it nears the sea.

A stunning walkway over the water leads to the Caleri Lagoon, where you can admire the vibrant colours of the barena (salt marsh). **Nowhere else in the Po Delta Park is the concept of "biodiversity" more clearly expressed.** 

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: 2h30
Meeting point: Via della Bocca Vecchia,

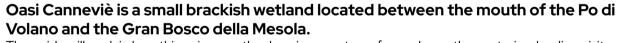
Porto Caleri, Rosolina Mare



### A walk along the shaded trails of the centuries-old Gran Bosco della Mesola,

A walk along the shaded trails of the centuries-old Gran Bosco della Mesola, among holm oaks, ash trees, and other important plant species, remnants of a much older and more extensive forest that formed in the Middle Ages on ancient dune ridges.

**Along the way, you may encounter the dune deer,** the only native population of its kind, a descendant of the Italian red deer.



The guide will explain how this unique wetland environment was formed over the centuries, leading visitors along narrow trails surrounded by water. Along the way, there are specially designed observation points for spotting **the birdlife that inhabits the oasis: herons, little egrets, ducks, coots, and grebes.** 

**USEFUL INFORMATION** 

**Duration:** 2h30

**Meeting point:** Parking at the Bosco della Mesola Entrance

**USEFUL INFORMATION** 

OASI CANNEVIE'

**Duration:** 1h30

Meeting point: Oasi Canneviè, Volano (FE)



An expert environmental guide will accompany you along the narrow embankments of the Comacchio Lagoon. You will observe some of the many bird species that inhabit this area, as well as the unique vegetation of the brackish environment. This ecosystem, marked by its "extreme" environmental characteristics due to the high salt concentration, serves as a resting area for migratory species and a nesting site for many birds, including the flamingo, which has chosen this stunning environment as home to one of the few large colonies in Europe.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: 2h00
Meeting point: Stazione Foce, Comacchio



Accompanied by our environmental guides, we will visit the old saltworks of Comacchio. Spanning over 500 hectares, it preserves a system built during the Napoleonic era and stands as evidence of the role Comacchio has played in salt production since ancient times. Salt extraction was halted in 1984; due to the absence of human activity and thus of disturbance, the Salina has become an ideal nesting site for many species of waterbirds, including flamingos.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: 2h00
Meeting point: Saltworks entrance, Via della Salina (access from SS 309 Romea)

### **GUIDED TOURS OF THE OASES OF THE PO DELTA PARK**

## **BIKE TOURS**





# A circular cycling route that follows the path of the ancient walls which, during the Renaissance, surrounded the Castle of Mesola and enclosed marshes and forests.

Starting from Torre Abate, a Nature Oasis located in Santa Giustina, the route follows the Canal Bianco cycle path to Mesola, where the Estense Castle stands — a "delizia" (ducal pleasure residence) built along the Po di Goro. The ride continues along the Destra Po cycle path, which runs beside the river, reaching the forest of Santa Giustina, once the hunting reserve of Duke Alfonso d'Este.

USEFUL INFORMATION

**Duration:** 2h30 /3h - 15 Km

Meeting point: P.zza Bruno Rossi, Santa Giustina



A route along the embankments of the Comacchio Lagoon, with stops planned for birdwatching the numerous species hat inhabit this area and for learning more about the unique vegetation of the brackish environments. The route will pass by the saltworks area, a place of great historical and natural importance, while at Stazione Foce, visitors can discover the traditional technique of eel fishing.

USEFUL INFORMATION
Duration: 2h30 - 20 Km
Meeting point: to be arranged (Comacchio)



Starting from the seaside resort of Lido di Spina, you will ride your bike along the new cycling route surrounded by water, a narrow strip of land offering an incredible

**panorama.** Immersed in the extraordinary nature of the Comacchio Lagoon, you will cross Valle Lido di Magnavacca and Valle Furlana until you reach Stazione Volta Scirocco, which connects the lagoon to the embankment of the Reno River. After a short stop, you will return to Lido di Spina.

\*There is the option to extend the route to a full day by cycling a circular itinerary around the Comacchio Lagoon. Starting from Comacchio, you will reach the Agosta embankment and the embankment of the Reno River, then return along the narrow strip of land that crosses Valle Furlana and Valle Lido di Magnavacca.

#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

HD Duration: 3h - 25 Km FD Duration: 6h ca. - 55 Km Meeting point: to be arranged





A walk through the most picturesque streets of Comacchio's historic centre, still criss-crossed by canals, and a visit to the main monuments and architectural landmarks of this charming lagoon town: Trepponti, Ponte degli Sbirri, the Old Hospital, Loggia del Grano, the Clock Tower, and the Cathedral.

**USEFUL INFORMATION** 

**Duration:** 1h30

**Meeting point:** Bus parking Via Fattibello - Comacchio

## **MUSEO DELTA ANTICO**



# MUSEO DELTA ANTICO GUIDED TOUR

## The Delta Antico Museum showcases archaeological finds from the region, spanning from the Protohistoric era to the Middle Ages.

The Po River, along with its many navigable canals and land routes, has served over the centuries as a vital commercial and cultural link between Mediterranean civilisations and continental Europe. Particularly noteworthy are the sections dedicated to the Etruscan city of Spina, featuring artefacts from the settlement and the richly adorned tombs; to the Roman world, with the remarkable cargo of the Roman ship discovered in Comacchio in 1981; and to the early medieval origins of Comacchio as a commercial hub and episcopal seat..

**USEFUL INFORMATION** 

**Duration:** 1h15

# COMACCHIO AND ITS ORIGINS

A tour through the charming streets of the lagoon city of Comacchio, with stops at the main landmarks along the way: Trepponti, Ponte degli Sbirri, the Old Hospital, Loggia del Grano, Clock Tower, and the Cathedral. The tour includes entrance to and a visit of the Museo Delta Antico, which houses artifacts and exhibits dating from the Etruscan and Roman periods through to the early Middle Ages.

**USEFUL INFORMATION** 

**Duration:** 2h30

**Meeting point:** bus parking – Via Fattibello, Comacchio

## **MANIFATTURA DEI MARINATI**



### MANIFATTURA DEI MARINATI GUIDED TOUR

### The historic Manifattura dei Marinati represents an important part of Comacchio's history,

as it revived the entire processing cycle of eels and "acquadelle" (silversides). The tradition and processing of eel are among the defining features of this lagoon city. Thanks to the restoration of this impressive factory complex, located in the historic centre of Comacchio, the "fish factory" has been reborn.

Today, Comacchio's pickled eel is officially recognised as a Slow Food Presidium.

#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration:** 0h45

# COMACCHIO, TRADITION AND FOLKLORE

A walk through the most picturesque streets of Comacchio's historic centre, still criss-crossed by canals, with visits to the town's main monuments and architectural landmarks: Trepponti, Ponte degli Sbirri, the Old Hospital, Loggia del Grano, Clock Tower, Cathedral, and the Loggiato dei Cappuccini.

The tour includes entrance to and a visit of the Manifattura dei Marinati, the historic facility once used for the production of marinated eel, the highest expression of Comacchio's culinary and cultural tradition.

#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration:** 2h30

**Meeting point:** bus parking Via Fattibello, Comacchio

## **CASA MUSEO REMO BRINDISI**





This museum houses the rich art collection of master painter Remo Brindisi (1918–1996): a remarkable ensemble of works representing the main national and international artistic movements of the 20th century.

Located in Lido di Spina, between the coastal pine forest and the beach, the building is a striking example of modern architecture, designed in the early 1970s by architect and designer Nanda Vigo, at the request of Brindisi himself. Inaugurated and opened to the public in 1973 under the name Museo Alternativo Remo Brindisi, the structure served a dual purpose: a summer residence and a museum to house the artist's valuable collection.

The building is truly unique, featuring a large central cylinder that connects the different floors, where living quarters, studio spaces, and exhibition areas are distributed.

USEFUL INFORMATION

**Duration:** 1h00

## **POMPOSA ABBEY**



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In 2026, Pomposa Abbey, one of the most important monastic complexes of the Middle Ages, celebrates the millennial anniversary of its consecration.

Situated in the heart of the ancient Po Delta, the Abbey showcases the Benedictine community's remarkable ability to transform a wild landscape into a centre of deep spirituality and monastic culture. Over the centuries, it has welcomed many distinguished figures, including Guido d'Arezzo, the monk who invented the seven-note system of musical notation, forever changing the course of music history.

Visitors can explore the monastery's most significant spaces: the basilica, the refectory, and the chapter house.

#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Duration:** 1h30

**Meeting point:** bus parking – Pomposa Abbey

# POMPOSA ABBEY AND COMACCHIO

**Guided tour of Pomposa Abbey**, a remarkable testament to a Benedictine community that, in the once wild landscape of the ancient Po Delta, succeeded in creating a place of profound spirituality and rich monastic culture. Transfer by coach to Comacchio (approx. 30 minutes).

**Stroll through the most picturesque streets of the historic centre**, still criss-crossed by canals, and visit the main monuments and architectural highlights of this unique lagoon town.

\*The itinerary can also be reversed, starting with the visit to Comacchio's historic centre..

#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

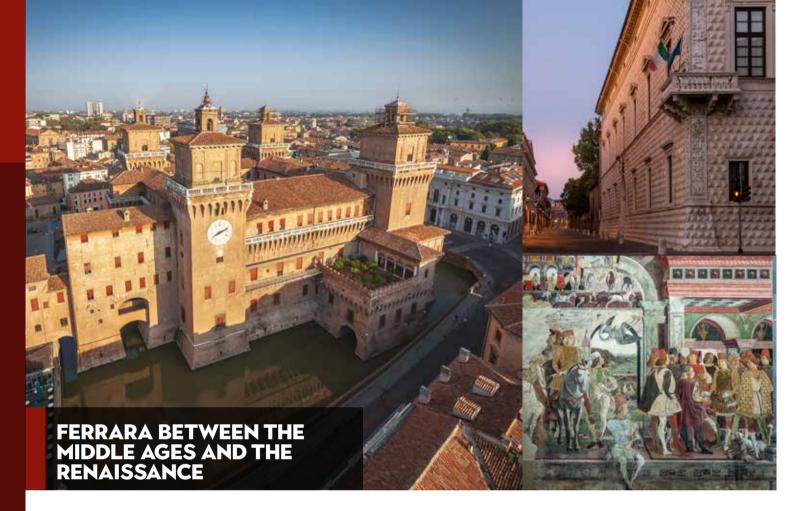
**Duration:** 3h00

**Meeting point:** bus parking – Pomposa Abbey

or Via Fattibello, Comacchio

## **FERRARA**





A tour through the most emblematic sites of Ferrara's historic centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that perfectly reflects the balance between medieval and Renaissance periods.

Starting at the Este Castle, an imposing fortress and the ultimate symbol of the court's power and patronage, the itinerary continues through the city's central squares, such as Piazza Savonarola and Piazza Trento e Trieste, with stops at the Cathedral and the Ducal Palace.

The tour then winds its way through the medieval streets of the oldest part of the city and the former **Jewish Ghetto**, concluding with a view of the monumental Corso Ercole I d'Este, the central axis of the so-called Addizione Rinascimentale.

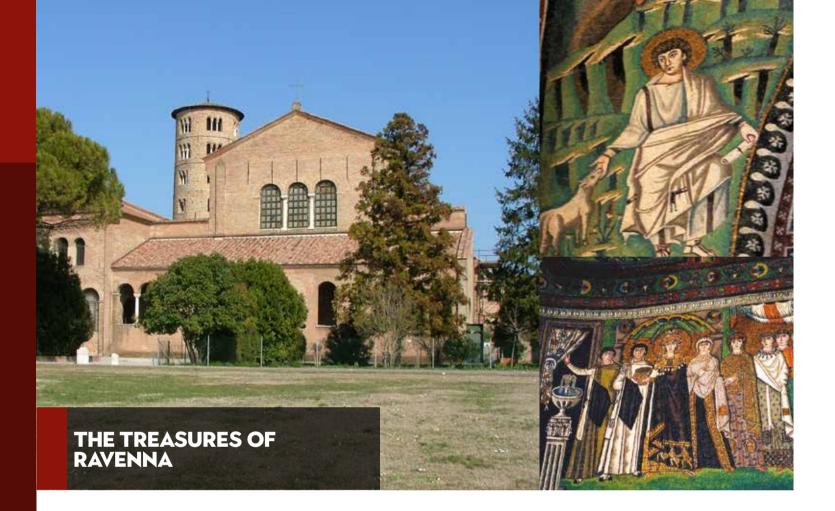
As an alternative to the Este Castle, it is also possible to visit the Palazzo Schifanoia, the Cathedral Museum, or Casa Ariosto.

USEFUL INFORMATION

**Duration:** HD 2h30 – FD 5h00

## **RAVENNA**





# Through visits to the Basilica of San Vitale, the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, and the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo,

you'll have the chance to admire the stunning mosaics of Roman, early Christian, and Byzantine origin that the city of Ravenna proudly preserves.

A pleasant stroll through the historic centre will lead you to Dante's Tomb and the magnificent Piazza del Popolo.

**USEFUL INFORMATION** 

**Duration:** HD 3h00 – FD 6h00

## **LOCAL FLAVOURS: TASTING EXPERIENCES**



### I MARINATI DI COMACCHIO PICKLED FISH TASTING

### At the end of a visit to the historic Manifattura dei Marinati,

or following an excursion through the Comacchio Lagoon, you can enjoy a tasting of traditional pickled products paired with local wines, including Fortana, a sparkling red whose notes perfectly complement the bold flavours of pickled fish.

# I VINI DELLE SABBIE WINE TASTING

## Complete your visit with a tasting of D.O.C. wines from Bosco Eliceo, also known as the "Wines of the Sands."

Wineries located within the Po Delta Park, just a short distance from the main points of interest, offer guided tours of the vineyards and cellars, followed by a tasting of Wines of the Sands paired with local products.



### TRAVEL IDEAS

Multi-day offers in the Po Delta Park with stays in comfortable and welcoming accommodations located along the Comacchio coast, in the art cities, and near the nature reserves at the Po river mouth. REQUEST A QUOTE!

# THE PO DELTA, A JOURNEY BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE

1-Night | 2-Day Itinerary

Half-board stay in a 3\* or 4\* accommodation.

Day 1:

10:00 AM: Guided tour of Pomposa Abbey

12:45 PM: Lunch at a restaurant featuring local specialties

3:00 PM: Boat excursion in the Po Delta Arrival at the accommodation and dinner.

Day 2:

Breakfast

10:00 AM: Guided tour of Comacchio, including a visit to either Museo Delta Antico or Manifattura dei Marinati

1:00 PM: Lunch at a restaurant serving regional products

3:00 PM: Boat tour in the Comacchio Lagoons

Option to extend your stay by an additional night and day with a visit to either Ferrara or Ravenna.



# ALONG THE PO RIVER FROM FERRARA TO THE DELTA

3-Night | 4-Day Itinerary

Half-board stay in a 3\* or 4\* accommodation.

Day 1:

10:30 AM: Guided tour of the city of Ferrara

1:00 PM: Lunch at a restaurant in the historic centre

3:00 PM: River navigation on the Po Grande

Arrival at the accommodation and dinner.

Day 2:

Breakfast

9:30 AM: Guided tour of Comacchio, including a visit to either Museo Delta Antico or

Manifattura dei Marinati

1:00 PM: Lunch at a restaurant serving local products

4:00 PM: Boat tour in the Comacchio Lagoons

Return to the accommodation and dinner.

Day 3:

Breakfast

11:00 AM: Boat excursion in the Po Delta

1:00 PM: Lunch at a restaurant serving traditional dishes

3:30 PM: Guided tour of Pomposa Abbey

For adult groups, wine tasting of "Vini delle Sabbie" and local products can be added.



### **BOOKING PROCEDURE**

**Request Submission:** To book our services, we recommend sending a request via e-mail indicating your preferred itineraries, the date of the excursion, and the number of participants. You will then receive a detailed quotation specifying the services included and availability for the requested date.

**Service Confirmation:** To confirm the quotation, please send an e-mail including the following information required for contract registration and invoice issuance:

- Date of the excursion
- Number of participants
- Name and mobile number of the group leader
- Complete billing details: full name or company name and address.

All information must correspond to the individual or entity responsible for payment.

#### **Payment Terms**

Payments are accepted exclusively by bank transfer as follows:

- 30% of the total amount upon confirmation;
- The balance is due 5 days before the date of service.

No refunds will be granted for cancellations communicated after the balance has been paid.

#### **Travel Documents**

Upon receipt of full payment, travel vouchers will be sent by e-mail, including a summary of services, meeting points, addresses, and emergency contact numbers for group assistance.

Terms and Cancellations: Cancellation / Withdrawal by the Client

In the event of cancellation of booked services, the following penalties will apply:

- Up to 30 days before the service date: the deposit paid will be retained;
- Within 5 days before the service date and/or in case of no-show on the day of the service, 100% of the total amount will be charged.

### Modifications / Cancellation by the Organizer

In cases of force majeure, adverse weather conditions, or vehicle breakdowns, the organizer reserves the right to cancel confirmed bookings. In such cases, no compensation will be due other than the full refund of any amounts previously received.

**Insurance:** To cover risks related to participation in its programs, Po Delta Tourism ADV has taken out the following insurance policies: No. 501648707 Enterprise Liabil – 14 and No. 203384532 Filo Diretto Protection 6006.













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